## HOUSE RESOLUTION 179 By Rinks

A RESOLUTION To honor and congratulate Mrs. Dora Emmons Wardlow on the celebration of her 100th birthday.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Dora Emmons Wardlow will celebrate her 100th birthday on August 12, 2001, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, Born on August 12, 1901, Mrs. Dora is a lifetime resident of the Michie community in McNairy County, where she is universally respected and dearly loved by her family, friends and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, In 1919, Dora Emmons was joined in marriage with William Wilford Wardlow and the couple's blessed union produced a son, Willie Dee Wardlow; and

WHEREAS, Four months after the birth of their son in 1920, Mrs. Dora was widowed when Mr. Wardlow passed from this life to a far better existence; she did an excellent job of raising Willie Dee by herself; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Dora exhibited great courage, perseverance and fortitude as a World War II mother; her son, Willie Dee Wardlow, served in the United States Armed Forces during

World War II and received critical permanent injuries during combat in the North African theatre in 1944; and

WHEREAS, Willie Dee Wardlow passed on to his great reward on December 10, 2000, leaving behind his mother and his loving wife, Mrs. Mary W. Wardlow, who now cares for Mrs. Dora; and

WHEREAS, As Mrs. Dora approaches her 11th decade, she is still a valuable member of society and the Michie community; and

WHEREAS, We wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor and congratulate Mrs. Dora Emmons Wardlow on the celebration of her 100th birthday and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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